

## SOUTHERN FLOODS.

# ISING WATERS IN KENTUCKY

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for Safety—Railroad Bridges Wash  
Away, and Travel Interrupted—Great  
Damage to Property of all Kinds.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 31.—The rain has been falling almost continually for nearly three days throughout the State. At Williamsburg, Ky., the Cumberland river is higher than ever known and far from inundated. Over a hundred families have moved to higher ground for safety. Three losses of life are reported in the

of the Big Sandy at and above Cambridge, Ky. At Jellico, near the State line, the water was 100 ft. above the normal stage. On the Knoxville branch of the Louisville and Nashville the houses are all submerged and trains are unable to get through. No trains on the East Tennessee and Georgia have arrived at Knoxville for thirty-six hours, and it is reported that 400 feet of Mead's tunnel has been in. Railroad bridges in the South from the Louisville and Nashville and Cincinnati and Southern are reported washed away.

**Electrical Storm in the East.**

New York, March 31.—An unusual storm of meteorological disturbance, covering most of the present week, culminated

to-night. It has been raining steadily at the time for the past seventy-two hours. To-night the rain is falling faster, accompanied by lightning, a gale is blowing, a thick fog covers the city and an aurora borealis is added to this remarkable combination of natural phenomena. The probability is that telegraphic communication will be almost wholly suspended between New York and the rest of the world. Electrical convulsions have been striking of every wire in the West. The telegraph office, followed by a partial re-statement of communication and another black.

**CONGRESS AND THE BRIDGE.**

Distinguished Body to Visit the Kill-Th-Baltimore & Ohio Bridge.

New York, March 31.—The party of Senators and Congressmen who will visit this city this week at the invitation of Mr. Estlin Wiman, to inspect Staten Island's minimal advantages, will be a distinguished one. It will number thirty, and will include largely Western and Southern members, besides the Maryland Com-

At 10 o'clock Thursday evening, it is expected, and will be dined and lodged at Brunswick. At 10 o'clock Friday morning the party will be taken by the motorboat Southfield through the Arthur Kill, passing the site of the proposed New York and Ohio bridge, and so on, making the complete circuit of the island. Luncheon will be served on board. Later in the day the party will be the guests of Mr. Wiman at his residence.

The purport of the visit," said Mr.

man to-day, "is to give them a good opportunity of personal inspection of the merits of the proposed bridge and of the limits of the proposed commerce of the Arthur Kill compared with the immense commerce that would be brought about by the terminus of a through Western road on the shores of Staten Island."

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**'SUFFERING AT KEY WEST**

thousands of people are in need of food—5,000,000 people out of work.

NEW YORK, March 31.—It is impossible to ascertain the individual losses of yesterday's fire. Hundreds of persons are still at last night in the streets watching the effects. The merchants are holding meetings to-day to make arrangements for some provisions, to prevent a famine. They will probably ask the Morgan family to contribute to the relief fund in the same manner leaving to-morrow morning to fill geographic orders for food. The wind suddenly shifted to the north, with danger of bringing the fire, which still burns furiously, back again into the city. Four or five

usand persons are thrown out of employment by the fire.

There are only provisions enough in the village to last about a week. The village committee, Messrs Meyer and Punta Rossa have sent 3 in aid of the sufferers. The Board of Trade has appointed a committee to take charge of all subscriptions for the sufferers.

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**PRESBYTERIANS**

dition of anti-instrumentalists of the United Presbyterian church adjourned last night after adopting a declaration of principles. The paper, which was quite lengthy, denounced the use of instrumental music in church services, asserting that it was "unlawful, intrusive and distracting."

the peace of the church. It is therefore declared that its authoritative expression from services by the next General Assembly is essential to a settlement of the difficulty, which for years has agitated the church, and that a refusal to comply with the request of this convention would place the protestants under the painful necessity of choosing between obedience to the authority of Christ and acquiescence in such refusal.

Resolutions were also adopted inviting members of the church throughout the country to unite in observing the second Wednesday of May next as a day of special prayer.

**Belgian Strikers Resume Work.**  
BRUSSELS, March 31.—At Tournai the strikers and men are now engaged in negotiating for a resumption of work. M. Charlier and Laguerre have abandoned their attempt to visit Charleroi to counsel

the strikers. They will instead publish violent articles against the Belgian Government. The government of Belgium is expelling from the country without ceremony all French journalists found there. Work has been resumed in all the factories and collieries in the Charleroi district. The authorities have, however, forbidden the workmen to celebrate the ending of the strike by a carnival.

**Occasional steamer straggles:**  
QUAGUA, L. 1, March 31.—The officer in command of this small tugboat crew, twenty-seven in all, of the Humber Express, have been brought ashore after considerable difficulty, owing to the high holstrous surf. They are quarantined at the life saving station. The captain reports five feet of water in the Europa's hold. The sea is running higher every hour, and is breaking over the steamer. It is feared that she will be driven over the bar and wrecked. The Europa is an iron steamship of 1,000 tons, 200 feet long, draws 32 feet of water and is rated A 1. She is owned in Hamburg.